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## SUBSIDY A POOR SUBSTITUTE.

A Washington despatch, republished in this issue, states that the ship subsidy measure favored by the congressional committees is one providing federal payments only to mail liners with routes of not less than four thousand miles in length, plying between mainland points and South America, China, Japan, the Philippines and Australia. Under such a subsidy there would not be the slightest relief to Hawaii, except that which might possibly be afforded through the putting on of additional boats for the oriental business—a remote possibility—and the reestablishment of a San Francisco-Australian line. The latter might come, although the subsidy asked for is not a great one. The former is hardly probable, while there is absolutely no reason to think that new boats running through this port to the Orient would not treat Hawaii in just the same way as do the boats now running. We could get what could not be otherwise sold, in other words.

The local advocates of a ship subsidy bill who are opposing the suspension of the coastwise laws, appear to be suffering under the delusion that a subsidy measure would immediately infuse new life into the San Francisco-Hawaii shipping. As a matter of fact, under the bill proposed, Hawaii would not benefit a copper cent. Not a boat in the local service would get anything under the terms of the subsidy measure.

This should not prevent Hawaii using what influence it has, however, to secure the passage of the Humphrey bill, as its passage might lead to something better eventually. In any event, Hawaii is not selfish enough to oppose anything simply because it does not immediately and directly benefit the Islands. All we ask is that the rest of the country be as unselfish and give us something that will directly help us, that being the temporary suspension for Hawaii of the coastwise law as regards the carrying of passengers.

## FICTION AND FACT.

With the assurance that a long distance and a short knowledge gives, the Honolulu Bulletin says:

People living in the Philippines take the Pearl Harbor naval base decision of the government very calmly. Anyone living under a government by commission has to cultivate the habit of being surprised at nothing and always thankful for all the favors that may be handed out.

Now note what the Manila Times has to say and observe the evidence of the way the people of the Philippines "take the Pearl Harbor naval base decision very calmly," and the great thankfulness that a commission government—which by the way does not exist in the Philippines—has forced on the people. The Manila Times says:

The determination of the United States government to sidetrack the Philippines naval base, pending the completion of the great stronghold in Hawaii, coupled with one of two other incidents, have produced an unusual amount of hysteria in Manila. The weather vanes of the local press have fairly spun around, and chimney pot after chimney pot has come tumbling down. "Abandonment" is the cry, and even some of the petty conspirators, who have trafficked in every little plot ever hatched here against the United States, have turned back to Columbia and called her perfidious. "There is going to be war with Japan," and like a sneaking rat the United States is abandoning ship. The poor Philippines are to be left in the dark on the front steps of the Orient, like some mite of humanity born out of wedlock. Stanch patriots, who have sealed pacts against the United States with their blood, pale at the thought. "Woe is me," cry the faint-hearted.

Now, all this is very foolish, and we hope all these dear people will feel just as foolish when they sober down as they now look. The United States is not going to abandon the Philippines, and if there is one thing that will ever make the islands an integral part of the United States more quickly than an attempt to take them—may, even a serious threat to take them—we do not know of it. The United States recently admitted the Philippine Islands to intimate trade relations, and for the next two or three decades is going to devote itself to building them up in industry, commerce and the material things of this world. It has entered upon this program and nothing has happened—nothing will happen—to turn it back.

Nor is this incident of the naval base related in any sense to the report that President Taft was considering the question of appointing a Filipino to the office of vice-governor. The two have absolutely no connection and besides there is not much likelihood of such an appointment being made. A private message received here quite fully discredits the newspaper dispatch on the subject.

If the unthinking and hysterical would but pause to think, they would realize that the Pearl Harbor base is one of the best things that could happen to the Philippines; that it makes for their defense. Pearl Harbor will entrench the United States in mid-Pacific, and it is both wise and logical to construct it first. It does not complete the defenses of the Philippines, but it is truly one of the foundations for them.

And then there is all this light talk of war between Japan and the United States. War is exceedingly improbable, so improbable that it is not worth speculating about. Of course there are Japanese agents prowling around the Islands, but so are the secret emissaries of every power in the world prowling through Japan. But secrets do not make war.

Shake yourselves down, gentlemen, and come back to your senses. Nothing has happened, and nothing of a very serious nature is liable to happen. Come out of it.

Admiral Holliday voices the opinion of the majority of experts who have visited Pearl Harbor when he states that to limit the size of the drydock to less than seven hundred feet in length would be a penny-wise pound-foolish policy. When the ships of Uncle Sam's Navy want that drydock, to make quick repairs they want it big enough to put more than one ship in at a time. When the bulldogs of the Navy are needed, they are needed in a hurry and have no time to politely hang round and take turns in having shot holes plugged up.

The fact that there are not crowds of people anxious to spend Christmas on the water half way between here and San Francisco seems to be surprising to the Little Honoluluans. Some common sense seems to be required in spots in Honolulu about as badly as a suspension of the coastwise laws.

Those who object to the name "Malihini Christmas Tree" because there are no malihinis interested should have Fort street renamed. The fort was pulled down long ago.

The best defense that his friends can make for Mayor Fero is that he does not know any better.

It doesn't make any difference about politics, the Bulletin is there with the whitewash.

## WORLD NOT READY TO DISARM.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.—If all the men of all the nations were to refuse to become soldiers there would be peace. Count Tolstoi advocates this. It is a pleasing proposition, though it savors of disregard of government and tradition and all established things. It is difficult to think of all the nations without armies. How about the Negroes in the Philippines, and the semicivilized subjects of the Sultan of Sulu? How about Russia's own wild Tchukchis and Gilyaks and Yukagirs? How about Great Britain's burden of Zulus and Bushmen? And the head-hunting Dy-

aks of Borneo? And Mexico's Yaquis? Would each and all of these peoples agree to lay aside the spear and scaling knife, and turn to agriculture and literature? Peace is most desirable. If all Russians were to refuse to become soldiers it would theoretically be a good thing. If all Englishmen and Frenchmen, if all Servians and Bulgarians were to follow suit, how like the millennium it would be! But, unfortunately, all the world is not ready. A kill its brother man, and the brother man (he of Europe and America) must be prepared yet for a time to keep himself from getting too promiscuously killed.

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## BIG DENTAL JOB PROVES TO BE STIFF PROBLEM

Pachyderm Is Very Grateful to Dentist Who Cured Her Toothache.

NEW YORK, December 11.—What will probably stand for a long time as the biggest piece of dental work on record was performed here last week. It really was more of an engineering problem and involved the use of sledge hammers, drills and various other similar paraphernalia in the filling of a cavity four inches square by three inches deep, into which an ordinary brick could have been thrust. The cavity in question, however, was not in the mouth of a human being, but in one of the lower molars of Gunda, the big elephant at the Bronx Zoo. When the pachyderm refused her regular food last Thursday, and even distained all sorts of dainties, the keepers knew that something was radically wrong. That the trouble was a raging toothache was discovered through a swelling on her jaw. By means of crowbars and blocks of wood her mouth was forced open and a careful dental examination made. As a result a huge cavity was discovered which it was at once decided to fill. Gunda was accordingly bound down to the floor with great chains and belts and her trunk was secured. But Gunda, seeming to realize her condition, gave no trouble and after two hours' work the cavity was scraped, cut out with chisels and hammers, sprayed with an antiseptic solution and filled with amalgam. Upon her release Gunda trumpeted with joy, and when her dentist visited her later in the day she showed her gratitude by raising him to her back with her trunk.

## DOWIE'S HEIR HAS PILIKIA.

ZION CITY, Illinois, December 8.—Wilbur Glenn Voliva, general overseer of the Christian Catholic Church, founded by John Alexander Rowie, has been remanded to jail. Voliva was placed in jail several months ago for failure to pay a judgment entered in favor of Philip Mothersill, an attorney, for libel and slander, but gained temporary liberty through a writ of habeas corpus, contending that his arrest was illegal because made in Lake County (Zion City) by the sheriff of McHenry county. Judge Frost held that the arrest was legal. Counsel for Voliva got a ten days' stay in the execution of judicial order.



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